

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2006***

The meeting was called to order at 6:55pm. Selectmen present were: Janet Smith and Wes Moore. Others present were: Fran Lane, Reuben Hull, and Brian Hart.

Before the first scheduled appointment, the Selectmen reviewed "Attorney/Client Privileged" correspondence from the Town Attorney, Fran Lane.

A letter to all department heads requesting their cooperation with the Budget Advisory Committee on the 2007 Budget was reviewed. After editing, the letters were printed and signed by the Selectmen. The Selectmen asked Nancy to forward a copy of each letter to Jamie Thompson of the Budget Advisory Committee. It was also decided to have Nancy receive the draft budgets from the departments and to be the contact person for the department heads to schedule their appointments with the Budget Advisory Committee. Nancy will also provide copies of each department's expended to date 2006 Budget figures to the Budget Advisory Committee.

Reuben Hull, the Town Planner, discussed the Zoning, Land Use, and Building Ordinances. He has gone through several years of Town Reports and feels that he has found most of the Ordinances, but asked if the Selectmen knew of any others that he should be made aware of. It was suggested that a central file be kept containing the Ordinances from this point forward.

The potential junkyard was discussed – it is not an automobile junkyard as it does not contain more than one unregistered vehicle. There are other items in the yard, but the yard is not visible from public areas. Reuben suggested checking the State RSA to determine if there are any environmental impact aspects to the area. Fran Lane said he would forward a file to the Selectmen to review on what constitutes a junkyard.

The Selectmen asked Reuben for his opinion on Overlook Drive as the developer has asked for conditional acceptance. Reuben said it has passed inspection for conditional acceptance.

Wes made a motion to conditionally accept Overlook Drive for winter maintenance, trash pickup, and school buses. Janet seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Reuben stated that the Town needs to come up with procedures for final acceptance of roads. For example, Exeter will not accept a new road until the top coat

of paving has gone through two winters. Reuben is working on a procedure for this.

The preliminary information from the Building and Facilities Committee was reviewed. Reuben still needs to obtain a few more numbers to complete the report and he stated that the square footage in the old post office building is included as usable space.

The other portion of the information contains a summary of the space each department has now and what they need/want. Reuben left copies of the information for the Selectmen to review and he will return at a later date to discuss the matter in more detail.

Reuben presented a sealed bid from Behme to Beam to construct the ramp at the front of the Town Hall. No other bids were received. The bid was opened, but it specifically excluded the railing. Wes asked Reuben to call Behme to Beam to ask if the railing could be included. The ramp must have a railing to be ADA compliant. The Board of Selectmen will make a decision on the ramp after the information on the railing is received.

At 8:10pm the Selectmen went into a nonpublic session with Town Counsel per RSA-A: III. At 8:34pm the meeting returned to a public session.

Brian Hart of the Rockingham Land Trust came to the Selectmen's Meeting to discuss the Cole Property transfer. Wes suggested that Brian call James McIlroy next week to bring James up to date on the project before the next Selectmen's meeting. A tentative closing date of November 10, 2006 is scheduled.

Brian informed the Selectmen that the Piscassic Greenway Management Advisory Committee met tonight. They hope to have a preliminary plan by May 2007 for the Town of Newfields' approval.

A letter was signed by the Selectmen to the property owners of a stone wall which has been moved out of the Town's Right of Way.

The Rockingham Planning Commission letter regarding a rate increase on dues was reviewed.

The invoice from Doucet Survey on the Cole property was reviewed and discussed with Brian Hart. Doucet Survey had told Brian that there was a contract with the Town of Newfields for this job. Nancy was asked to contact the survey company for a copy of the contract and also to give a copy of the invoice to the Conservation Commission for their comments.

Two notices from the Zoning Board of Adjustment on upcoming hearings were reviewed. One hearing is for Phillip and Loren Hunt and the other for Kristin and Perry Silverstein.

Wes made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2006 Selectmen's Meeting. Janet seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Wes made a motion at 9:50pm to adjourn the meeting. Janet seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer